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**Subject:** Deer Creek Mine Volume 11 North Rilda Canyon Area

Official Notification:

On November 2, 2003, Energy West Mining Company submitted an amendment package to replace Volume 11 (North Rilda Area). This amendment detailed plans for which to develop mine surface facilities at the historic Leroy mine site in Rilda Canyon. These facilities are needed to expand the Deer Creek mine to the northeast into the Mill Fork Tract (state lease ML-48258).

Because of the negative response to the plan in regards to culverting approximately 1500 feet of the Rilda creek by Utah Environmental Congress and Army Corp of Engineers, Energy West has disregarded those plans and has began proposing facilities up canyon approximately 1/2 mile. This newly proposed facility is being planned above the existing North Emery Water Users Special Service District culinary spring collection system. Energy West is in the process of redeveloping their collection system above the newly propose mine site in the Right Fork of Rilda Canyon.

In order to reduce the confusion of amending the November 4, 2003 submittal, Energy West requests that this amendment (Task ID #1766) be returned. Energy West will amend the existing approved Volume 11, Rilda Canyon Area binder. It is our intent to submit an administratively complete plan to the Division by September 1, 2004. When submitted, Energy West encourages the Division to initiate the National Environmental Policy Act process based on the design submitted with the amendment package.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact myself at the phone number included, Doug Johnson at (435) 687-4712 or Dennis Oakley at (435) 687-4825.

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